

House Resolution 2071

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Jones of the 46th, and Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the City of Alpharetta; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, from the North Georgia Mountains to the Chattahoochee River along a
3 Cherokee Indian trail, a tiny village named New Prospect Camp Ground was formed; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to being chartered in the middle 1800's, the city was known as the "Town
5 of Milton"; and

6 WHEREAS, on December 11, 1858, the town was chartered, became the county seat of
7 Milton County, and was renamed Alpharetta from the Greek words "alpha" meaning first,
8 and "retta" meaning town; and

9 WHEREAS, the original town charter provided that the city could pass a tax on every
10 grocery store, retailing liquor store, hallway and billiard table of not more than \$25 per year,
11 and the right to levy a tax of \$25 on every show exhibited within the city; and

12 WHEREAS, by the time the Civil War began, Alpharetta had grown to a fair-sized town with
13 three hotels, several mercantile shops, numerous churches and a school; and

14 WHEREAS, many of the official records are incomplete as the original courthouse was
15 burned by the Union army, or possibly the retreating Confederate soldiers, but one
16 enterprising citizen, Dr. O. P. Skelton, salvaged many of the court documents; and

17 WHEREAS, as the Civil War drew to a close, Alpharetta, along with the rest of the South,
18 suffered a period of economic hardship, but Milton County did better than most areas since
19 it was made up of small farms, and the collapse of the "Plantation" economy did not have the
20 impact in Milton County that it did in other communities; and

1 WHEREAS, when the depression of the early 1930's came, Milton County found itself near
2 bankruptcy and in order to save the area, it was decided that Milton and Fulton counties
3 should merge; and

4 WHEREAS, today Alpharetta is one of the fastest growing communities in the South, and
5 its environment is considered ideal for raising families and living a quality lifestyle free from
6 the problems found in many cities the same size.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join in recognizing the City of Alpharetta, Georgia, and honor its
9 rich heritage.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor of the City of
12 Alpharetta.